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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir :

In response to the outstanding Official Action of November 10, 2009, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on February 12, 2010 (February 10, 2010 and February 11, 2010 being a Federal Snow Emergency Day), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and objections in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 17 of this paper.